

REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in claims 15-18 if amended to delete certain claim language is acknowledged with appreciation.

By this amendment, claims 15-18 have been amended as proposed by the Examiner to overcome the pending rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and refine the claim language in accordance with the Examiner's helpful suggestions.

In view of the foregoing amendments, the application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance.

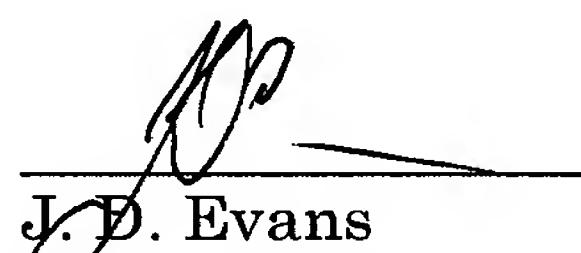
Additionally, by this amendment, claims 1, 2, 5-8, and 10-14 have been canceled without prejudice to, or disclaimer of, Applicants' rights to prosecute the subject matter thereof in an appropriate continuing application.

If there are any questions regarding this amendment or the application in general, a telephone call to the undersigned at (202) 624-2845 would be appreciated since this should expedite the examination of the application.

If necessary to effect a timely response, this paper should be considered as a petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response, and please charge any deficiency in fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #038788.57524US).

Respectfully submitted,

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